

PROSPECTUS

OF THE

WASHINGTON SENTINEL.

I PROPOSE to publish in the city of Washing-

ton, in September, a political newspaper, un-

der the name of the WASHINGTON SENTI-

NEL.

In doing so, it is proper I should make known

the principles it will maintain, and the policy it

will advocate.

It will support cordially and earnestly the prin-

ciples of the Democratic party of the United States

and does not propose to be the organ of any party

of the Government, except the Democratic party.

It will support the maintenance of the doctrine that

the people are the source of all power, and that

the Government is their servant.

It will not be ambitious to commend itself to the

people by a blind flattery of their rulers. It will

seek public support by the bold avowal of its

sentiments which are common to the genuine

Democracy of the Union, and by the denunciation

of all such as may conflict with them, from

whatever quarter they may come. It will seek to

be (and it will endeavor to deserve the title) the

organ of the Democratic party of the United States.

The SENTINEL will maintain, as a fundamental

truth of the present party, that the true basis of

the Union between them by the ratification of the

Constitution as a compact, by which, also, they created

the Federal Government, and delegated to it, an

equivalent amount of power, as specified in the

Constitution, and with an explicit reservation of all

others to the States, or to their separate govern-

ments. The exercise of any powers beyond these

is an "excessive" right of the Government, and is

a libel on the good sense of the People. If such a

claim or right had been granted, it would

have been a violation of the Constitution, and a

violation of the rights of the States, and a

violation of the rights of the People.

The following copies of correspondence and

extracts from the records of the Patent Office will

show the true state of the case:

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

August 25, 1854.

SIR: In reply to your letter of this date, asking

if any patent has been granted to W. D. Porter,

dated 22d August, 1854, or at any other time, or

whether any person or persons, securing to him

or them "exclusive right of making gas from

wood," and whether any such claim was made by

W. D. Porter, under his application for a patent,

which letters patent were issued bearing the

above date, you are informed that W. D. Porter's

claims are believed to be confined to his apparatus;

and, further, this office is not aware that a

patent has been granted heretofore for the exclu-

sive right of making gas from wood. It is, how-

ever, unjustifiable to expect me to make an

extended investigation to answer your request.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. MASON, Commissioner of Patents.

W. P. McCONELL, Esq.,

Care of Prof. C. G. Page, Washington, D. C.

The United States Patent Office. To all persons

to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

This is to certify that the annexed is a true copy

from the files of this office of an extract from a

letter patent issued in the matter of application of

W. D. Porter for letters patent, in accordance with

which application letters patent were issued to the

said W. D. Porter on the 22d day of August, 1854.

In testimony whereof, I, Charles Mason, Com-

missioner of Patents, have caused the seal of the

Patent Office to be hereunto affixed, and the

said letter patent to be signed by me, and the

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A HISTORY OF GREECE.—A History of

Greece, from the earliest times to the

Conquest, with supplementary chapters on the

History of Literature and Art. By Wm. Smith,

LL.D., editor of the Dictionary of "Greek and

Latin Antiquities," "Biography and Mythology,"

and "Geography." With notes, and a continuation

to the present time, by C. C. Felton, LL.D.,

Eliot Professor of Greek Literature in Harvard

University.

The above work is intended principally for schools

of the higher classes. Just received and for sale at

the Bookstore of R. FARNHAM, corner of

Pennsylvania and 11th street. Aug 21.

PROSPECTUS.—SOUTHERN CONSER-

vative Magazine.—When new aspirants

for popular favor are announced, the public have

a right to demand, in the name of the public,

a right to know the quality of the man, and the

quality of his title to his patronage is made. In so-

knowledge of this, we trace the customs of

the people, the avowal of principles; of religious

sects, in the progression of creed and of persons

in all pursuits of life, dependent upon the

public for success, in their preparatory expositions

of plans and purposes. The customs thus origi-

nally, though, soundly abstracted, are useful and

proper, and should not be discarded. And when,

in obedience to custom, new plans are proposed,

those approving ought not to withhold their en-

couragement, great praise, and their aid, until the

success is sure, for their aid may be needed to

secure it. Such a foolish policy as this jeopardizes

the plan they approve, and hastens its failure; it

is a policy which, in the name of the public, has

deprived the country of good and useful work.

If a new proposition of any kind is approved by

the public, the support of those approving is of

right expected, and their aid should be solicited only

in the view that their more substantial aid will

not be withheld.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE PLAN OF THE

SOUTHERN CONSERVATIVE MAGAZINE.

The Southern Conservative Magazine will

occupy grounds but little cultivated by American

magazines. It is believed that a field is open for

a periodical of a new and, in some respects,

higher order than the present ones in our maga-

zine literature. In this belief, and with such an

aim, we announce the Southern Conservative

Magazine.

The magazine will be national and not

sectional; claiming no merit by virtue of its es-

tablishment in the South, but aiming at a higher

usefulness and a more general acceptability.

The magazine will be devoted to the discussion

of the great questions of the day, and to the

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